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- 10 a signal indicative of an evaluation result;
- 11 a control device connected to said signal processing device; and
- 12 an actuator for said device coupled to said control device, for allowing said user to use
- 13 said device based on an output of said control device,
- 14 wherein a signal path between said signal provider means and said signal receive
- 15 interface means includes a user's body, and
- 16 wherein said signal delivery interface means is capacitively coupled to said signal receive
- 17 interface means.

3. (Amended) The authorization control system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said device comprises a firearm.

- 1 6. (Amended) A firearm comprising:
- 2 a signal processing device;
- 3 signal receive interface means, connected between a signal source external to said firearm
- 4 and said signal processing device included in said firearm, wherein said signal processing device
- 5 is connected to said signal receive interface means for delivering an output signal;
- 6 a controlling device connected to said signal processing device; and
- 7 an actuator for said firearm, connected to said controlling device, for selectively
- 8 inhibiting the firing of the firearm based upon an output signal from said controlling device,
- 9 wherein a signal path between said signal receive interface means and said signal
- 10 processing device includes a user's body, and
- 11 wherein said signal receive interface means comprises capacitive coupling means.

- 1 15. (Amended) An authorization control system for personal use of a device, comprising:
- 2 a storage device for storing personal code data;
- 3 a signal provider for outputting signals representing said personal code data;
- 4 a signal delivery interface for receiving signals representing said personal code data, and
- 5 adapted for wear by a user in proximity to a body of the user;

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6 a signal receive interface, connected to the device, for receiving said signal from said
7 signal delivery interface;

8 a signal processing device, connected to said signal receive interface, for determining a
9 user's authorization for using the device by evaluating said signals and outputting a signal
10 indicative of an evaluation result;

11 a control device connected to said signal processing device; and

12 an actuator for said device coupled to said control device, for allowing said user to use
13 said device based on an output of said control device,

14 wherein a signal path between said signal provider and said signal delivery interface
15 includes a user's body, and

16 wherein said signal delivery interface is capacitively coupled to said signal receive
17 interface.

1 20. (Amended) A firearm comprising:

2 a signal processing device;

3 a signal receive interface, connected between a signal source external to said firearm and
4 said signal processing device included in said firearm, wherein said signal processing device is
5 connected to said signal receive interface for delivering an output signal;

6 a controlling device connected to said signal processing device; and

7 an actuator for said firearm, connected to said controlling device, for selectively
8 inhibiting the firing of the firearm based upon an output signal from said controlling device,

9 wherein a signal path between said signal source and said signal processing device
10 includes a user's body, and

11 wherein said signal receive interface comprises a capacitive coupling.

1 21. (Amended) The authorization control system for personal use of a device, according to claim
2 1, wherein said device is usable when a comparison of two carriers of electronically stored
3 identification information affirms an identical match.